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COUNTRY: GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA SITREP AS OF 9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME,
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SOURCE:

1. AS OF 12:10 A.M. ON 29 AUGUST 1968 THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT HAVE ANY FIRM EVIDENCE TO IDENTITY THE ASSASSINS OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA. MINISTER OF DEFENSE ROLANDO CHINCHILLA AGUILAR, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT HECTOR MANSILLA PINTO, AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF DOROTEO REYES SANTACRUZ REITERATED GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS TO ROUND-UP ALL KNOWN LEFTIST AND EXTREMISTS IN GUATEMALA CITY IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE ASSASSINATION. THE THREE OFFICIALS ALSO REITERATED THAT HOUSE SEARCHES WOULD BE CONTINUED THROUGH GUATEMALA CITY IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN LEADS.

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2. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: PALMAS WAS A MEMBER OF THE NOW DEFUNCT POLITICAL GROUPING CALLED REVOLUTION UNITY PARTY (PUR). THE PUR WAS REPORTEDLY A COMMUNIST FRONT. PALMA REPORTEDLY ATTENDED THE JANUARY 1963 CELEBRATION IN HABANA, CUBA.)

3. ACCORDING TO JOSE LUIS RAMOS MARTINEZ, A LEADER OF THE GUATEMALAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PGT), THE REBEL ARMED FORCES (FAR, PRO-CUBAN INSURGENCY MOVEMENT) WAS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT SOME KIND OF ACTION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. RAMOS, WHO INFORMED OTHER PARTY LEADERS OF THE IMPENDING FAR ACTION DURING LATE MORNING OF 28 AUGUST SO THAT THEY COULD TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES, DID NOT IDENTIFY WHAT ACTION THE FAR WAS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT. [REDACTED]

ON 2 AUGUST 1968 THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN TOLD OF ANY IMPENDING FAR ACTIONS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE APPREHENSION OF CARLOS FRANCISCO ORDONEZ MONTEAGUDO, AKA "CAMILO SANCHEZ", HIGHT-LEVEL FAR LEADER, COULD PROVOKE A REACTION WITHIN THE FAR. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT PEDRO FERNANDO HERNANDEZ Y HERNANDEZ, AKA "GABRIEL SALAZAR," AN EXTREME HARD-LINE FAR LEADER, WOULD NOT ACCEPT ORDONEZ' CAPTURE WITHOUT SOME FORM OF RETALIATION.)

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